



## State of New Jersey

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Dear Trails Partner:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to federal, state, county and local governments, and nonprofit organizations to apply for grant funding under the New Jersey Recreational Trails Program. This funding, which is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program, is made available through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. Recreational Trails Program funds can be used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail facilities.

Attached you will find a grant application and a summary of program requirements, including a description of eligible projects and factors used to evaluate and select the projects for funding. **The deadline for submitting applications to the Green Acres Program is April 30, 2015. Applications postmarked after that date will be disqualified.**

We anticipate that the Recreational Trails Program will receive approximately \$1.2 million in federal funds that will be distributed statewide for non-motorized trail related projects. In addition, approximately \$340,000 will be available for motorized trail related projects. Due to the limited funding, we anticipate that competition for these grants will be intense. We encourage you to review the guidance documents while considering your proposed projects.

Any questions should be directed to John Flynn or Brandee Chapman of the Green Acres Program at 609-984-0500. Additional information can be found at: [www.trails.nj.gov](http://www.trails.nj.gov).

Sincerely yours,

Rich Boornazian  
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